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Who said the small fries never beat the big players

Holliday Park Co-op loses civil rights case.

Members threatened with eviction because they had three people living in two bedroom units win their case. Co-op has to pay attorney fees and change their policy to comply with federal housing laws.

Who said they never lose?

Prayers in public school means state should fund private ones

I'm calling about last week's story about a Belleville school getting the Bible study prayer club. I find that interesting because my kids go to a parochial school and they don't get the same \$6,400 that a public school kid gets because they do pray in school.

Now that we have prayer in public school, does that mean that the state is ready to fund my kids' parochial school?

When will Ben E. Jet be hosting JT the Brick's radio show?

After reading the Ben E. Jet column, I'm looking forward to hearing him host the JT the Brick radio show on Sports Fan Radio. But Ben E. never said when he will be hosting it. Please call me at [number deleted] so I can know when to listen.

Caller applauds MEAP tests for setting statewide standards

Public schools say they're accountable. Yet no sooner do the MEAP high school proficiency tests scores come out, then the school administrators start complaining and making excuses.

In your article "MEAP scores have teachers scratching their heads," school administrators say that the new MEAP tests are too vague to be meaningful.

Don't they know that it's their job to understand the test results and to make them meaningful?

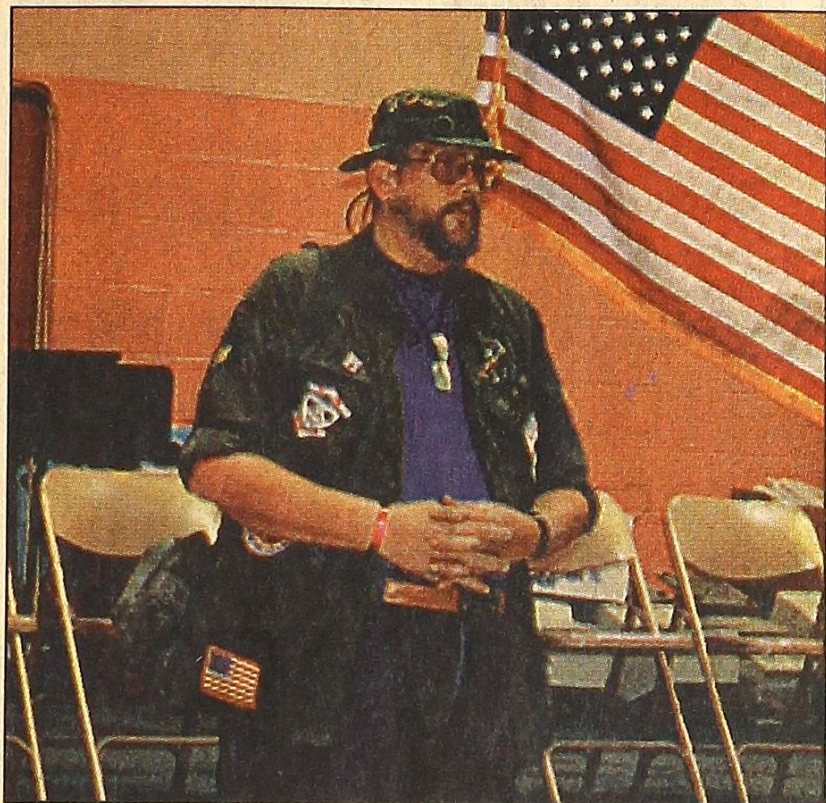
The tests are necessary to create standards across the state, and to see if the standards are being met. This is accountability.

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Ed "Doc" Jessick, a Romulus veteran of the Vietnam War, is shown during his talk last week before Cory Elementary School students. MCN Special Photo

Is Viet War history in students' books too shallow today?

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Should Michigan students today learn about the Vietnam War from Hollywood or from local veterans?

According to Romulus veteran Ed "Doc" Jessick - there is no debate - it has to be from veterans of America's most controversial war.

Jessick - commander of Westland Chapter 41 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart - spoke on Veterans' Day last week at Cory Elementary School along with Phyllis Kreft - daughter and widow of military veterans.

There is still some bite in Jessick's memories and views on events surrounding the Viet War - since his return to the U.S. after his military tour in Vietnam in 1970.

He still remembers getting off a military plane upon his return to the U.S. and being spat upon minutes later by an anti-war woman seconds after he admitted he had served in Vietnam.

Jessick also tells of his memories of speaking at nearby district schools in recent years and emotionally outlined his disappointment at not being invited back to the various schools the following year for further talks.

Jessick, who now also is a

member of the Romulus VFW, was pleased by first being invited to Cory School last week by a neighbor's daughter.

Realizing the girl's request was not official statement, he checked with school officials to get the proper clearance.

A Romulus resident since 1973, Jessick is determined to let today's youth know the true history of the Vietnam War and America's involvement in it.

Like other Americans, he has been awarded the Purple Heart and urges local "students to have respect for the American flag and never let it touch the ground."

"We fought so you have the right to burn the flag," Jessick said forcefully, "but I beg you...don't ever do it!"

He also stressed "always remember that men and women before you died so that you could be free...free to speak your mind and even burn the flag. But never desecrate this flag...it stands for everything that is right in this country."

Jessick is still seeking to add members to the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Currently there are 33 members, but others are being invited to join. The next meeting will take place at 7 p.m. Nov. 30 at the Bova Engineer VFW on Hicks road in Westland.

Goodfellows accepting names of needy families

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

The Romulus Goodfellows have begun accepting applications for Christmas assistance at both the Romulus Police and Fire Headquarters.

Forms can be obtained 24-hours a day at the police station located at 11165 Olive st. and from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the fire station at 28777 Eureka road.

Only Romulus residents are considered for such assistance, a Goodfellows spokeswoman said. Applicants should be able to show proof of address and family income. Personal interviews also may take place to assist Goodfellows in determining family's

needs.

Applications will be accepted through Dec. 14. Deliveries will begin on Dec. 18, but exact times may not be able to be arranged.

The Goodfellows spokeswoman said many organizations are looking to "Adopt a Family" during the Christmas holidays. All donations are welcome, but goods and other items must be unopened. Further information can be obtained by calling Jill Martin at the Romulus Fire Department 734-941-8585.

Area residents are urged to purchase the special Goodfellows newspapers from volunteer sales people on Dec. 4th and 5th...that will enable Goodfellows to live up to their holiday creed "Christmas is for the Children."

\$Million in cash, property seized by city police

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Relentless drug probes in the greater Romulus area by the city's Special Investigative Unit has led to the seizure of more than \$1 million in cash and real property, 17 weapons and 12 vehicles - along with 62 arrests of narcotic related criminals.

David Early, head of the city's Investigative Services Bureau, made the above disclosures recently as he unveiled a nine-month over view of SIU anti-drug success efforts.

Early said his department refrains from issuing regular press releases on individual arrests (in most cases), since many probes inter-relate with other on-going drug investigations.

Calling the SIU team "one of the most respected and resourceful units of its type," Early listed a number of its most successful cases this year, both those done alone and in conjunction with other regional law enforcement groups.

While the SIU is perceived

as basically a "narcotics unit," Early said, it becomes involved in a number of non-drug criminal cases also.

Early this year (Jan. 2, 1998) a search warrant was executed at a Waterford Township home that was found to be the site of a large marijuana farm. Two suspects were arrested, 100 marijuana plants were confiscated and forfeiture proceedings have begun on an \$85,000 home.

This case was preceded by the busting of a similar operation in Romulus two months earlier.

A short time later (Jan. 20) a surveillance operation at a local hotel for drug traffic led to the arrest of three out-of-state suspects wanted in a \$500,000 armed jewelry heist that included a shoot-out in Ohio that left a fourth member of the gang dead.

Later that month (Jan. 27) the SIU acting on a tip from the Nevada Highway Patrol arrested a trio for narcotic trafficking, a large amount of "pot" was confiscated and forfeiture proceedings have been started to obtain a mortgage free

\$120,000 Romulus home.

On Feb. 9 a month-long investigation climaxed with the arrest of another pair of drug dealers and the confiscation of 100 marijuana plants - which were in turn destroyed.

An investigation by a Romulus member of the Downriver Auto Theft Team led to the conviction of a defendant involved in the fraudulent theft of a snowmobile and trailer from Westland.

On Aug. 3 the Downriver Mutual Aid SWAT team assisted in the execution of a search warrant on a Romulus home, where armed resistance was likely.

Seven drug related arrests were made, including a blind middle aged female, who also had one leg amputated.

The woman - who reportedly was the ring-leader of the family based operation - was assisted by a 17-year-old daughter, who did the weighing and packaging of the drug and also counted the gang's money.

Christmas wish program offers assistance

The season of giving is fast approaching. Once again, Michigan Community Newspapers is organizing its annual Christmas Wish project for Western Wayne County residents.

Each year, hundreds of area families receive Christmas gifts from MCN, courtesy of the newspaper chain, area businesses, community organizations and residents.

From bicycles to clothing to holiday dinners with all the trimmings, hundreds of gifts have been provided to the needy.

Western Wayne County families are encouraged to write holiday requests for themselves or for those in need to: Christmas Wishes, MCN, 35540 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI 48184.

Deadline for the letters is 5 p.m., Nov. 27. However, letters

should be mailed early to insure that they meet the deadline.

Requesters are requested to include an address and work and home phone numbers in order for MCN staff members to obtain information, if needed.

All letters will be reviewed by the MCN staff before appearing in the Christmas Wishes supplement to the six MCN Thursday newspapers.

Boys/Girls Club executive readies Dec. 15th opening

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A year-long effort by scores of determined Romulus residents is about to bear fruit next month, as Frank Rigger opens the Romulus Boys/Girls Club on Dec. 15 at Merriman Elementary School.

John Juriga, local club president, said 100 area youth have to be enrolled before the unit opens in mid-December. To date (as of Monday) 90 youth had already been enrolled thus making it appear the number would be no problem.

Annual membership fees are \$25.

The new club will be closed from Dec. 21, 1998 until Jan. 4, 1999 for the Christmas holiday, club information stated.

The club's hours will be from class day ending until 8:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Saturdays. The school is located at 15303 Merriman road in Romulus.

The Boys/Girls Club will be closed Sunday and Monday.

Rigger (currently of Dearborn Heights) is a graduate of Fairmont State College in West Virginia and most recently served as program coordinator of the Boys/Girls Club in Auburn Hills.

He is a 27-year veteran of Boys/Girls Club training and has learned "to be a perfectionist."

He will be aided by Jill L. Covell of Dearborn, who will serve as the club's first program director.

A graduate of Henry Ford Community College and East-

ern Michigan University, Covell has served as a J.V. Softball Coach at Wayne Memorial High School and school recreation supervisor with the City of Wayne Parks and Recreation.

Covell also served as a recreation supervisor for the city of Taylor Parks and Recreation unit from June 1983 until January 1991.

Since then she has been active with the Boys/Girls Clubs. Her interests range from softball, racquetball, bowling, swimming and volleyball.

Designated age groups at

the club are as follows: Cadets 6-9 years of age; Juniors 10-12; Intermediates 13-15 and Seniors 16-18.

The Boys and Girls Club Code includes: I believe in God and the right to worship according to my own faith and religion.

I believe in America, the American Way of Life, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

I believe in fair play, honesty and sportsmanship.

I believe in my Boys and Girls Club, which stands for these things.



Santa's waiting

Santa Claus will again visit the Romulus Animal Shelter, 35255 Goddard road, from 1 to 4 p.m. Dec. 21. Area residents will be given a chance to have their pet's photo taken with Santa for \$2. Animal Control Officer Kim Matthews is shown at last year's photo session with Shiloh the dog. MCN Special Photo

FAMILY ROOM

By KAREN MEIER
MCN Special Writer

Four days from now my husband, our baby, and I will board an airplane for a trip east. I don't know how things will go on this trip - it is so so important - it's definitely one of those things that can be considered a life-changing trip. For all three of us. And for our other five children and grandmas, grandpas, uncles, aunts, cousins, the whole family tree. This trip will change all of us. Every one of us - forever. But really, it's already happened - the change. This trip is just a formality, a rubber-stamp kind of deal to the life-changing event that has already taken place.

In four days Tommy, our youngest, will become, according to government folks, statistic keepers, paper shufflers, our son, the newest leaf on our family tree. But you know what? He's been our son, according to our hearts, since I received a phone call in the very early part of this year - only five days into the year - from an east coast adoption agency. Tommy had been born

three days before and had no one to claim as parents. That's when, sight unseen, in our hearts, he became our sixth child. And then three weeks later, with all the paper work completed and approved, he came to us (actually, we went to him in that east coast city and scooped him up and flew him home) and he began his life with us.

*In four days, Tommy
will forever be our
son.*

And now, ten months later, some judge in that east coast city in his courtroom in his courthouse - will make the bond of the hearts a bond on paper. He'll make it official. He doesn't know Tommy, except for some official blurb on some short document he'll glance at in four days, yet his word is final and the son we've had since January will at last become our son.

It's kind of odd in a way, but we've been told that at this proceeding, a new amended birth certificate for Tommy

will be issued with my name and my husband's written on it. I guess I think it's odd because I know for sure that I did not give birth to Tommy - yet a piece of paper is going to say as much.

I wonder what this actual document will look like. I wonder if Tommy's birth parents' names will be on there too and if not, will their names be somewhere in connection with Tommy?

I personally don't have a ton of information about Tommy's birth parents, his "history," nothing really of his family tree, but what I have is probably enough, I guess. But I sometimes think of how much I know about my history like the early century immigration of my grandfather, the story of a great-grandma who was a tiny woman (I've been told) who, when she was very old, little old lady loved listening to the baseball games on the radio and after she went blind she still listened to those games while sitting in the parlor rocking in her rocking chair and cheering the team on she could only see in her mind's eye. And then there's

the story of my uncle who at 16 lied about his age in order to join the Navy during W.W.II; the story of another uncle who came down with polio, nearly died as a youngster from it and the bravery of the doctors and family who brought him back from that scary place, the brink of death. And a thousand other "family tree" stories, stories that go way back and go this way and that way, but stories that connect me to people clinically, DNA-ly, undeniably.

That amended birth certificate - I wonder if it is a document that denies Tommy's ancestors? Is that what it does? Does that document rub them out with a few keystrokes? I mean he has stories, family tree stories, he IS connected to people - clinically, DNA-ly, it's all out there. There's no denying it. But this document will do just that: deny it. But Tommy is connected to history.

I suppose right now it doesn't matter much, being connected to family tree history and all, while he is a baby. It doesn't matter one whit to him. It may later, hard to tell. But it is something I'm wondering about, now. I mean some-



Karen Meier thing so simple as his baby laugh. That has me wondering. Is there a laughing gene that is passed on through the generations and does the gene provide a blueprint for a child's laugh? The timbre, the volume, the melody? I wonder that whenever Tommy giggles and laughs - his baby laugh is definitely different from the baby laughs of my other children. He giggles readily like the others. But the music of it is different. I'm not sure if anyone else in the family has noticed this. I'll have to ask them.

But I wonder who in Tommy's DNA family has that laugh. Maybe a grandfather or uncle. And that beautiful blonde, blonde hair. And the bluest eyes I've ever seen. His laugh, his hair, his eyes connect him to folks he'll most likely never know.

There is a picture of my grandmother upstairs when she was in her teens, and that face looks so familiar to me, yet she's been gone for so many years now.

But I see that face every morning when I look in the mirror. The eyes, the wave of the hair, the smile. These were gifts given to me by her. I am connected to that wonderful lady in ways that can't be denied or key stroked away.

In four days, Tommy will forever be our son. But he does have another history, his own "family tree," that a piece of paper will, by its very existence, wipe away. But he'll still have that magical, musical laugh, that utterly blonde hair, and those blue, blue eyes.

I guess I'll just have to settle on the notion that Tommy's family tree is just a lot bigger than most.

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Local HAPPENINGS

MICHIGAN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

YOUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND INTERESTS

SEND INFORMATION Items for the *Michigan Community Newspapers* Community Calendar should be submitted in writing at least one to two weeks in advance of publication to "Community Calendar," Michigan Community Newspapers, 35540 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI. 48184. Each brief calendar item should be listed on a separate piece of paper. For more information call the newsroom at 729-4000 Ext. 43.

SANTA'S COMING He will arrive by horse and carriage at 11 a.m. Saturday outside entrance 6 just east of the Penny Store in the Westland Shopping Mall.

Also in attendance will be the John Glenn High School Marching Band, the Mopo Bears and Holiday Bear. Digital Image Santa Photographs will be available from then on.

THE MUSIC MAN performances at Ypsilanti High School will begin tonight at 7 p.m. Other performances will be conducted at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 1 p.m. Nov. 22. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. For more information call Mr. Jacobs at 734-484-7004.

GED TESTING will take place through the Plymouth-Canton Adult Education Department from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 5 to 10 p.m. Nov. 23 and 24. The test will be held at Starkweather Education Center, 550 N. Holbrook in Plymouth. For more information call 734-416-4901.

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER "Billy's Place" a delightful supper club where everyone is dying to get in at 6:45 p.m. Nov. 28 at the Eagles Club, 9961 Beck road in Belleville. Tickets cost \$25 per person including hors d'oeuvre table, dinner and door prizes. For more information call 734-699-8836.

ART AND JEWELRY FESTIVAL sponsored by Native West will be held from 3 to 9 p.m. Dec. 3 at 863 W. Ann Arbor trail, Plymouth. Also from 10 a.m. Dec. 4 and 5 and from 11 a.m. Dec. 6. For more information call Annette Horn at 734-455-8838.

ST. NICHOLAS WALK FOR CHARITY will be held at 4 p.m. Dec. 6 at Domino's Farms, Earhart road in Ann Arbor. Open to all ages. Community High School Band will add to the festive mood of the day. For more information call 734-930-3188.

12TH ANNUAL KWANZAA JAZZ CONCERT featuring Barry D. Harris at 7 p.m. Dec. 26 in the First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4605 Cass ave. at Forest, Detroit. Cost is \$15 per person, \$5 for children under 12. For more information call 734-455-8838.



Ribbon cutting

Oakwood Healthcare Center-Westland officials gather at the open house of the new facility located at 2001 S. Merriman road in Westland. From left are David Ippel, vice president, ambulatory services; Gerald Fitzgerald, president and CEO; Linda French, M.D. and Michael Worzniak, MD. MCN Special Photo

tion call 313-833-9107.

BLACK HISTORY BOOK SALE is slated from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 2 at the Doubletree Hotel in Romulus (formerly the Royce), 31500 Wick road. The sale is free to the public under the sponsorship of Brown Sugar and Spice Book Service (734-729-0501). There also will be three workshops on Kwanzaa and Black History from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

DANCE CONCERT FOR YOUNG FOLKS will be held at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Nov. 21 in the Community Arts Auditorium of Wayne State University. Admission is \$4 for children, students and senior citizens and \$5 for adults. For more information call 313-577-4273.

BOURBON AT THE BORDER a tragic love story set in the shadow of Detroit's Ambassador Bridge written by ex-Detroitier Pearl Cleage have begun 8 at 8 p.m. at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren at Brush in Detroit. Tickets cost \$18 for Friday and Saturday performances and \$15 for Saturday and Sunday matinees. For more information call 313-872-0279.

LYME DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP for western Wayne County meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church of Wayne, 3 Towne Square. The next meeting will be Nov. 18. For more information call Connie at 734-326-3502.

WEST SIDE SINGLES dances are slated from 8 p.m. every Friday at the Burton Manor in Livonia. Admission is \$5 after 8:30 p.m., \$3 before. Those 21 years or older are urged to wear dressy attire (no jeans). Manor is located on Schoolcraft, west of Inkster road. The hotline is 734-981-0909.

WESTWOOD SCHOOL OFFICE MOVES administration offices are now located at 3335 S. Beech Daly road in Dearborn Heights, MI. 48125 (between Penn and Notre Dame).

CHILDREN'S CHARITY DANCE slated from 8 p.m. on Nov. 28 at the St. John Neumann Church of Canton. Cost is \$10 with all proceeds going to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan. Toys also will be collected for the Toys-for-Tots effort. For more information call Jim Duda at 734-454-4269.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK SALES offering two-for-one sales and 50 percent discounts on dining, travel, shopping, movies, sports, etc are being offered for \$40 by the Plymouth Community Chorus. Books can be delivered throughout western Wayne County. For more information call Stan at 734-459-6829.

KIDNEY CAR DONATIONS The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan is now accepting used cars, boats, motorcycles and motor homes. Donors should call 1-800-488-CARS to arrange a pick-up date. They also are urged to consult their tax advisors for details regarding their specific situations. Funds raised from the vehicle sales are used to aid programs and services for Michigan's kidney patients.

HURON H.S. REUNION class of 1988 is looking for its alumni for its 10 year class reunion to be held Nov. 28, 1998. Alumni are asked to call the Taylor Reunion at 800-677-7800.

HEAD START in Huron/Woodhaven is now accepting applications from low income families. The program is operated out of the Downriver Guidance Clinic on Merriman road in New Boston. Children attending receive healthy meals and snacks, enjoy playing indoors and outdoors in a safe setting. Children between the ages of 3 and 5 are served by the Head Start Program. For more information call 734-782-7216.

GRIEF RECOVERY a five week course offered by the Hospice of Washtenaw will stress adapting to losses and skills in coping with such losses. Sessions will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. each Tuesday at the hospice office at 806 Airport Blvd., Ann Arbor. Pre-registration is required by calling 734-327-3409.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING free screening takes place

from noon until 2 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the lobby of Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster road in Garden City - between Ford and Warren roads.

FREE HEARING SCREENING is offered from noon until 2 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the lobby of the Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster road in Garden City - between Ford and Warren roads.

AFRICAN AMERICAN BALL is slated for 7 p.m. Nov. 21 at the New Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 7300 N. Merriman road in Westland. The ball will benefit the Top Ladies of Distinction Inc., Michigan Metro Chapter, headed by President Janet Carter. Cost is \$35 per person. Dinner begins promptly at 8 p.m. Music will be by D.J. Love.

SOBER SINGLES DANCE meets at 9 p.m. every Saturday at the North West Alamo Club, 25605 Joy road in Dearborn Heights. Free coffee and door prizes are offered. Admission is \$3. For more information call 313-565-1184.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE/BAKE SALE sponsored by the Canton Historical Society will begin at 9 a.m. Dec. 5 at the Canton Museum, corner of Canton Center and Proctor roads. The bake sale will feature politicians homemade treats. Refreshments also will be served.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Conscious Contact from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. each Wednesday and Sunday at the Garden City Hospital (north entrance), 5254 Inkster road, Garden City. For more information call Woody at 734-776-3415.

HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS CARDS offered by Michigan Humane Society...cost is \$12 for a set of 20 (5 by 7 inch) cards. Each order comes with matching decorative holiday seals for envelopes. Cards can

be picked up at the Westland shelter, 37255 Marquette or by calling 248-650-1179.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA will be offered at Hudson stores at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 12 and 13 at the Westland Mall and Dec. 19 and 20 at the Fairlane Mall in Dearborn. Tickets cost \$8.50 each. To order or get more information call 1-800-246-6648.

CONVOCATION CENTER DEDICATION is slated for 4:30 p.m. Dec. 9 at Eastern Michigan University, 799 Hewitt road in Ypsilanti.

OPEN HOUSE for the Family Home Care will be held Friday at its site at 352 N. Main st., Plymouth, in honor of National Home Care Month and National Home Care Health Aid Week.

BOOK SIGNING Richard Paul Evans author of *The Locket* will autograph his book at 7 p.m. Nov. 20 at Borders Books and Music at 1122 S. Rochester road, Rochester Hills.

DEXTER'S VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS will be celebrated from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 5 and 12. On those Saturdays Dexter residents and merchants will be attired in Victorian style clothing. Horse drawn sleighs will be in operation and free street performances will be offered. For more information call 734-426-5514.

ROMULUS TREE LIGHTING including a visit from Santa Claus at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 4 at Historical Park. Local museum will be open from 5 to 7 p.m. and children can converse with Santa at Wick Elementary School after the tree lighting.

LUNCH WITH SANTA for chil-

dren three to nine years of age at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 12 at the Romulus Recreation Building on Bibbins. Must be pre-registered and a \$3 fee per person is required. Photos with Santa are available for \$2 each.

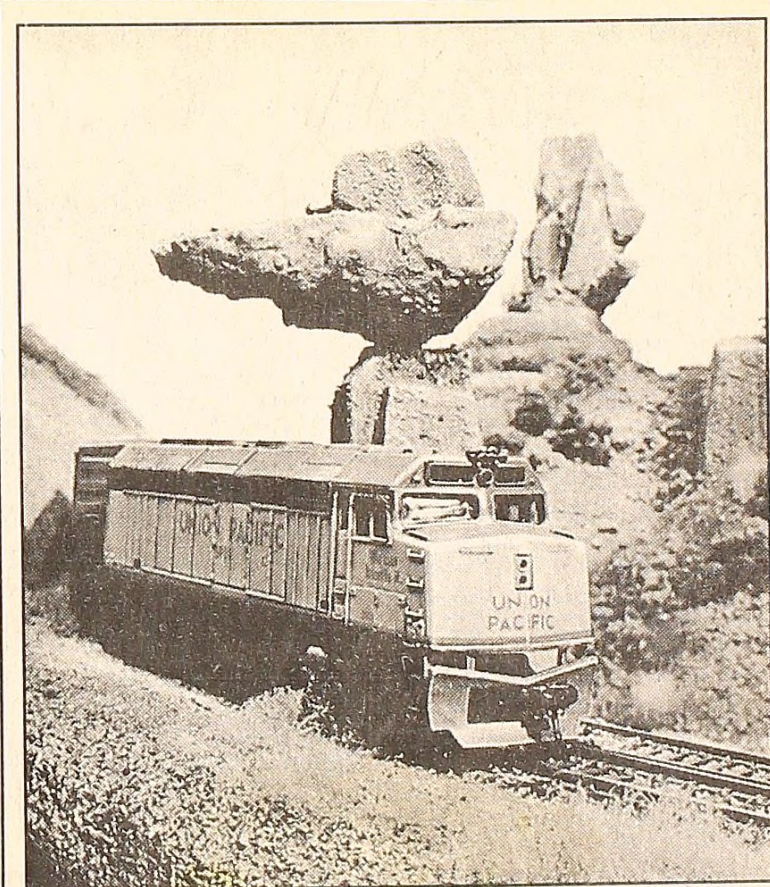
CHRISTMAS KETTLE KICK-OFF featuring radio host Dick Purtan as emcee will take place at 11:45 a.m. Nov. 25 at the Salvation Army Harbor Light Center, 2643 Park ave., Detroit. Honorary chairman Edsel Ford II will also announce the Army's Christmas season goal.

RIVERS COFFEE HOURS slated at the Romulus House Restaurant, 9110 S. Wayne road in Romulus from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Dec. 4. Another session is slated from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Dec. 8 at the Westland Family Diner, 8301 N. Wayne road in Westland.

JOB FAIR Sponsored by Media One from noon to 4 p.m. Nov. 21 at 14909 Beck road in Plymouth for technical and customer service positions. For more information call Felicia Hines at 734-254-1807.

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BLANCHARD BOOK SIGNING former Michigan governor and ambassador to Canada, James Blanchard, will appear at Border's Books on Woodward avenue in Birmingham from 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 23. Blanchard will speak beginning about 6:45 p.m. For more information call 248-203-0005.



Train show

The annual Greenberg's Great Train and Collectible Toy Show is slated this weekend at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive in Novi. Cost is \$6 for adults (including parking) and \$2 for children 6-12 Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Show will feature the Cactus Valley Railroad display featured on the cover of the December issue of *Model Railroader*, other railroad displays, a holiday hobby market and how-to-hobby clinics. For more information call 410-795-7673.



Capitol scholars

Two area students, Alec Hance of Romulus High School (left) and Doris Hage of Truman High School in Taylor are shown with State Rep. Raymond Basham (D-Taylor) during a full day of activities in Lansing. MCN Special Photo

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Michigan Viet Memorial will list 44 local names

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Sometime mid-year 1999 -- at least 44 area servicemen who died during the Vietnam War era -- will be officially honored by having their names enshrined on the Michigan Vietnam Memorial in Lansing.

The following list contains the name of local heroes, their ages, military rank, branch of service and date of death.

Any area names left off the list should be called into the MCN office, so they can be added to subsequent stories.

Both the municipalities and servicemen's names are listed alphabetically.

BELLEVILLE

Army Pfc. Greg Allen Barker, 18, died on Aug. 12, 1969.

Army Pfc. Edward Alan Bies, 20, died on May 19, 1968.

Marine Pfc. Roger Dean Bulifant, 18, died Feb. 28, 1966.

Army SP5. Kenneth Lige Fulton, 18, died Feb. 15, 1968.

Army Pfc. Gary Allen, 20, died May 8, 1971.

Army Pfc. Robert Gordon Petrimouix, 21, died Dec. 29, 1966.

Army Spec4 James Shelton

Stacey, 21, died Aug. 2, 1969.

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Army Spec4 Joseph Bonner, 20, died May 19, 1968.

LCPL. Richard Alan Dudeck, 19, died Oct. 7, 1968.

Army Sgt. Arvell Bernard Holston, 21, died March 20, 1970.

Marine Pfc. Paul Davis Jones, 20, died June 23, 1969.

Marine Pfc. Luther James Lackland, 21, died June 17, 1969.

Navy SM1 Howard Joseph Maner, 30, died June 18, 1969.

Marine Cpl. James McMurray McLean, 20, died Dec. 21, 1967.

Army Sgt. Ronnie Joseph Petre, 21, died Sept. 2, 1967.

Army Sgt. Joseph Anthony Servantez, 21, died Sept. 17, 1969.

Marine LCPL. Richard Edwin Wilson, 20, died Dec. 27, 1965.

NEW BOSTON

Army Cpl. Robert Dennis Lajko, 20, died Dec. 27, 1966.

Army Spec4. Kenneth Edward Miller, 20, died March 8, 1969.

ROMULUS

Marine Sgt. Kenneth Paul

Ehnis, 25, died Feb. 19, 1968.

Marine Pfc. Marion Franklin Ferguson, 19, died Feb. 15, 1968.

Marine Pfc. Eugenio Erasmo Fernandez Jr., 21, died May 9, 1968.

Marine LCPL. Lawrence Post, 18, died Feb. 23, 1969.

Army Pfc. Elmer Wayne Scarborough, 21, died July 4, 1966.

WAYNE

Army Cpl. Edward James Boya, 19, died Feb. 6, 1968.

Army Sfc. Gerald Wilbert, 28, died Oct. 30, 1969.

Marine 1Lt. Glen Jesse Ford III, 24, died Oct. 7, 1969.

Army Cpl. Alfred Guzzo, 20, died June 29, 1968.

Marine LCPL. Peter Bodo Lehmann, 19, died June 15, 1967.

Army Sp4. Frank Leprone, 18, died Jan. 29, 1969.

Marine Pfc. Bruno Leo Martin, 19, died June 25, 1966.

Army Sp4. Calvin Carl Morgan, 22, died Feb. 26, 1967.

Army Cpl. Donald Erwin Nelson, 20, died Aug. 26, 1969.

Marine LCPL. Len Everett Nixon, 21, died April 1, 1970.

Army Pfc. Steve Orris III, 19, died Nov. 8, 1965.

Marine S/Sgt. Gerald Paul Porta, 25, died April 8, 1969.

Marine Pfc. Ronald Walter Sanders, 18, died May 8, 1967.

Army Sp4. Terry Lee Sanders, 19, died July 5, 1970.

Army Sp4. Donald W. Vincent, 21, died Dec. 9, 1965.

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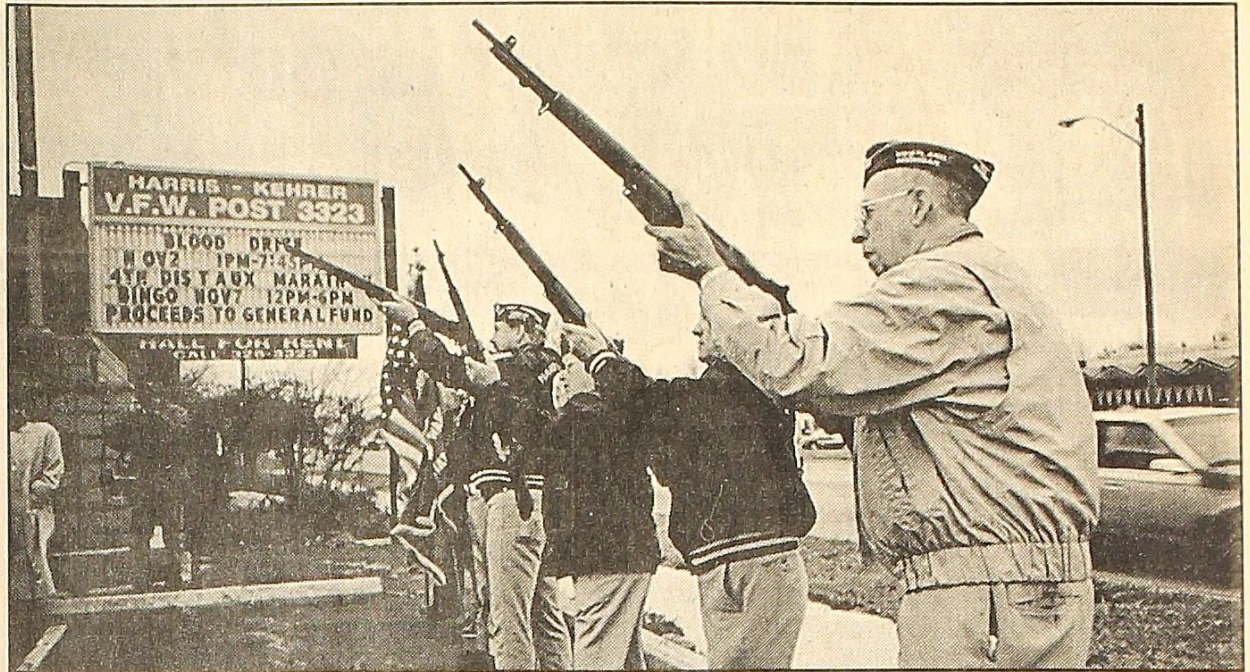
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Army Sgt. Dennis Glenn Prince, 20, died June 2, 1969.

Army Sgt. Arlie Spencer Jr., 21, died May 15, 1970.

Army S/Sgt. Refugio Thomas Teran, 29, died Sept. 29, 1978.

Army 1Lt. Joseph F. Willis, 25, died March 26, 1969.



High winds whipped across the VFW parking lot in Westland on Veterans Day last week, but the support participants felt for the veterans' cause remained supreme. Photo by Al Post.

Veterans' numbers shrinking, but their spirit is riding on

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A small chilled but enthusiastic crowd of Westland area military veterans and family members joined on Nov. 11 "to remember our doughboys back in World War I" right on up to servicemen around the world today.

The group held their annual service in blustery cold temperatures amidst winds that whipped American and military flags in the air.

Boyd Herst, who soon will become commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3323 on S. Wayne Road in Westland, declared "we honor today all American veterans,

who have served in every war to defend democracy, as well as our veterans, who served, from every period of peace."

Speaking on the eve of potential new U.S. military involvement in the Persian Gulf area, Herst said "American veterans represent all races and ethnic groups, as well as men and women. They include your neighbor, your local grocery store owner and local firemen."

More than one million servicemen and women have died defending the U.S. and more than 26 million have served military causes in many ways in past years.

"Some of these men became famous and received great

honor and publicity," Herst added. "But many others just remained ordinary citizens, who answered their call to duty, a duty that took them away from the safety of their homes and families and their peacetime jobs in offices, factories and farmlands to join the roles of airmen, soldiers and sailors."

The excitement of Veterans Day was tempered somewhat for older veterans, who revealed that VFW posts are losing numerous members now because World War I and now even World War II vets are dying in large numbers.

Thus some speculated, there could be a number of VFW Post mergers in the next decade.

People you know

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

June West, who took a leave of absence as Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara's press secretary to aid Democratic candidate for Governor Geoffrey Fieger, will be back on her earlier job shortly after Thanksgiving.

West actually was back last week, but is now on a pre-Thanksgiving vacation.

In case you hadn't heard, Fieger lost.

Terry Makins of M.B.M. Fabricators Co. Inc. of Romulus has been elected vice chairman of the Construction Association of Michigan.

CAM is a trade association of contractors, sub-contractors, suppliers and others involved in the commercial construction industry. With more than 3,800 corporate members, CAM is the oldest and largest regional construction association in the U.S.

Tracy Balazy has been hired as the information officer at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She will write press releases and assist in the external media gathering at the university.

Balazy worked for six years at the *Press and Guide* newspaper, where she covered education in Dearborn.

She studied journalism at Ferris State University in Big Rapids.



June West

Michelle L. McNulty of Belleville and a student at William Tyndale College, has been inducted into Alpha Chi, a co-educational society, whose purpose is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character.

McNulty is one of 10 students honored at the college ceremony last month.

Roger Ballard, formerly CEO and President of the Network Federal Credit Union in Las Vegas, has been named to the same top offices at the Community Federal Credit Union of Plymouth.

The credit union serves a number of communities including Canton.

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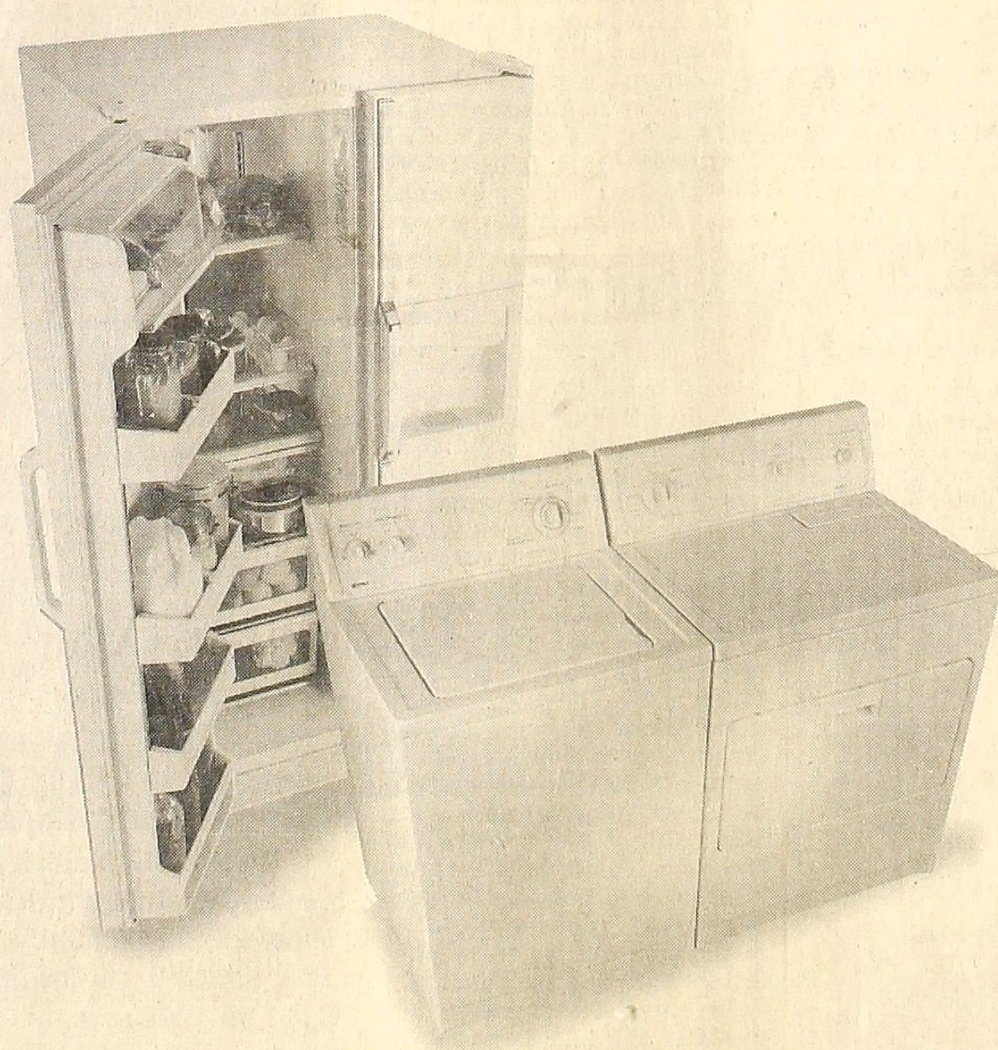


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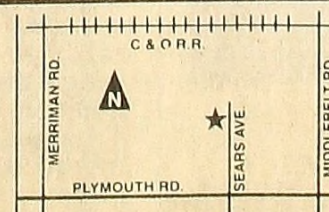
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Seniors on the move

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Have your thoughts on Viet War era changed over years?

Having grown to manhood in the turbulent 60's last week's comments by various Vietnam War veterans struck a vital nerve.

Ironically I did not slide into either extreme faction on military issues during that decade -- as I was more involved in the civil rights dialogue of the time.

But before attending the VFW session in Westland last week or talking to Viet vet Ed "Doc" Jessick in Romulus Monday night, I still could sense the deep hurt that those veterans felt upon returning home to the jeers and spit of their fellow countrymen and women.

In the 60's we all had high emotions streaming from out eyes and mouth...so different from the 90's when many emotional, financial and ethical crises are all met with one big collective yawn.

Are all our emotions spent out from that shocking decade that witnessed JFK's call to volunteerism that was met so strongly here and around the

world, the Cuban missile crisis, political killings and woundings by the barrel full and obviously the division across the U.S. over the war issue.

... when visiting a new neighbor don't talk about religion, politics or the Vietnam War.

- Pundits

Some pundits said at that time "when visiting a new neighbor don't talk about religion, politics or the Vietnam War."

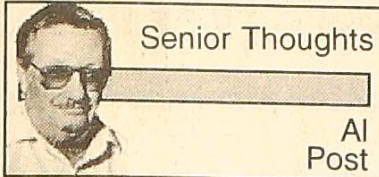
Raising the Viet issue again at this time, many find it in poor taste. Some feel it still is too controversial.

But as I sat at the computer putting the names of Viet era soldiers, sailors and marines into a story about the coming Michigan Vietnam Memorial -- I could emotionally feel a

small sense of the hurt these casualties' parents felt as that symbolic front door visit by a military spokesperson notifying them of their personal loss took place.

Those feelings came unexpectedly since I knew not one of the men on the list...or their families.

But I join others in saying the memorials are long overdue -- since they have been shown in Washington and

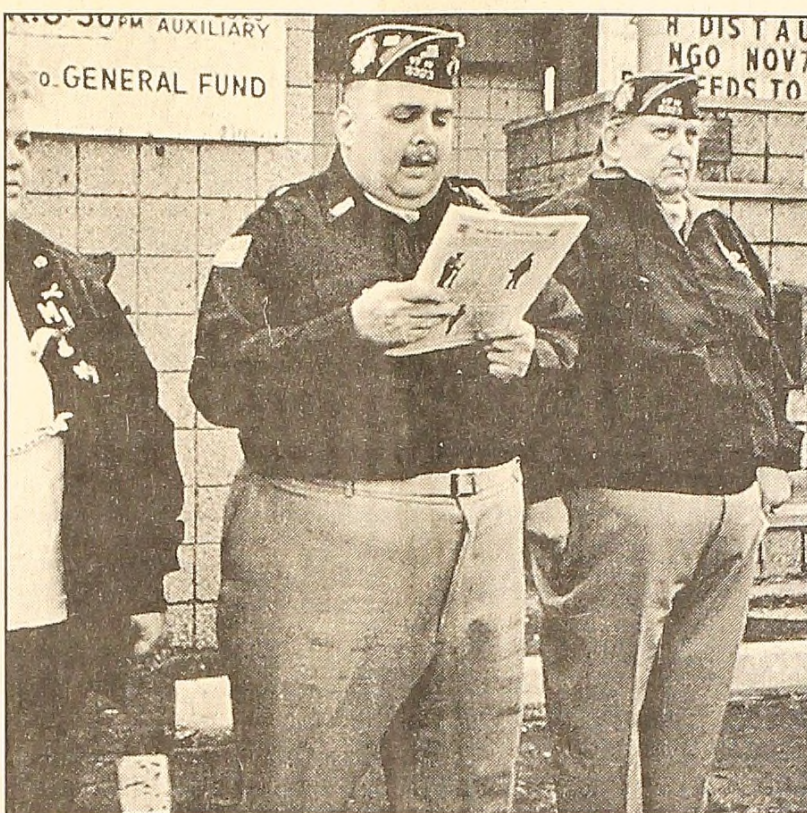


Senior Thoughts
Al Post

other sites to be such a healing facility.

The only other extended war veterans' group to have to wait for decades to be so honored is ironically the Korean War veterans.

Hopefully as this writer stated in an earlier column, the year of 1999 could become a year of reflection and maybe those post-World War II veterans will finally get the recognition they deserve.



Boyd Herrst, senior vice commander of the VFW Post 1055 of Westland, reads the official Veterans Day memorial statement to the participants outside the post. Photo by Al Post.

Swim classes offered

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Interested in having your family history being placed on video tape?

Jim Rawlinson of Rawlinson Photography in Plymouth is offering free tapings from 2 to 3 p.m. each Thursday by appointment only.

Rawlinson will ask questions about the impact of technology on your life, any experiences connected with World War II, Korean or Vietnam, and any special messages you would like to pass on to future generations.

The Canton Senior Program will provide the tapes for you to keep. If interested call 397-5444.

The Senior Alliance is still looking for chore workers, who would be willing to remove snow and other chores for senior citizens.

Such workers will be paid. For more information call the Senior Alliance at 313-722-2830.

The Canton Senior Program

is seeking to put together a chess group at 1 p.m. Tuesdays in the Parkview Room of the Summit on the Park.

Beginners are welcome. For more information call the Senior Program Desk at 397-5444.

Senior citizen swim programs are being offered in the Summit's Aquatic Area. Classes include: Senioreize.

The Canton Senior Center will be closed Dec. 24-Jan. 3, 1999 for the holidays. It will reopen on Jan. 4.

The Canton Senior Kitchen Band is celebrating its 21st anniversary this month. Congratulations should be passed on to Bernice Russian.

Senior citizen swim programs are being offered in the Summit's Aquatic Area. Classes include: Senioreize, Nifty 50's, Senior River Walking, Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Program and the open Senior Swim.

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Belleville must select consensus-builder as mayor

Voters have spoken in the City of Belleville, and their majority decision was to recall controversial Mayor Dennis Fasset. Fasset, serving his first term in office, learned the hard way that consensus building serves a politician better than constant fighting. The fighting, even though Fasset was right on a lot of issues, tore up the small community, and in the end put a big dent in Fasset's political career.

What happens next? Opponents cannot claim a voters' mandate. It took two tries to derail Fasset, and this time the margin of victory was minuscule. The town is evenly split on the issue, and it is going to take a very special person to heal the wounds two years of bitter fighting has produced.

I hope that person comes along. It has been painful to be an outsider watching in, as good citizens argue over petty issues. Belleville is a special town with great potential to grow and prosper in the 21st century. I hope the new mayor, to be elected in the next sixty days, will have the wisdom, and the community support to make it happen.

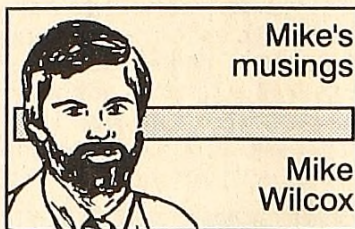
Three cheers to Romulus High and their football team. The Eagles were undefeated this year until facing a tough Haslett team in the state quarterfinals last Friday night. That night a miraculous last minute finish by Haslett stole the trophy from Romulus, 41-40. That did not diminish one iota, however, the great season posted by the Eagles.

Lead by second year coach Mark Woodson and Michigan-bound running back Freddie Russell, the Eagles put up phenomenal offensive numbers in conference and playoff games. In game one of the play-

offs Russell scored six touchdowns and amassed 365 rushing yards to lead the Eagles to a 54 point output.

In the second playoff game Woodson rushed for 297 yards leading the Eagles to 40 points. These are phenomenal numbers for a high school football team.

Known for a long time as a basketball hotbed, turning out the likes of Grant Long and Terry Mills, Romulus, thanks to Woodson, is quickly becoming a gridiron giant. I can't wait 'til next season!

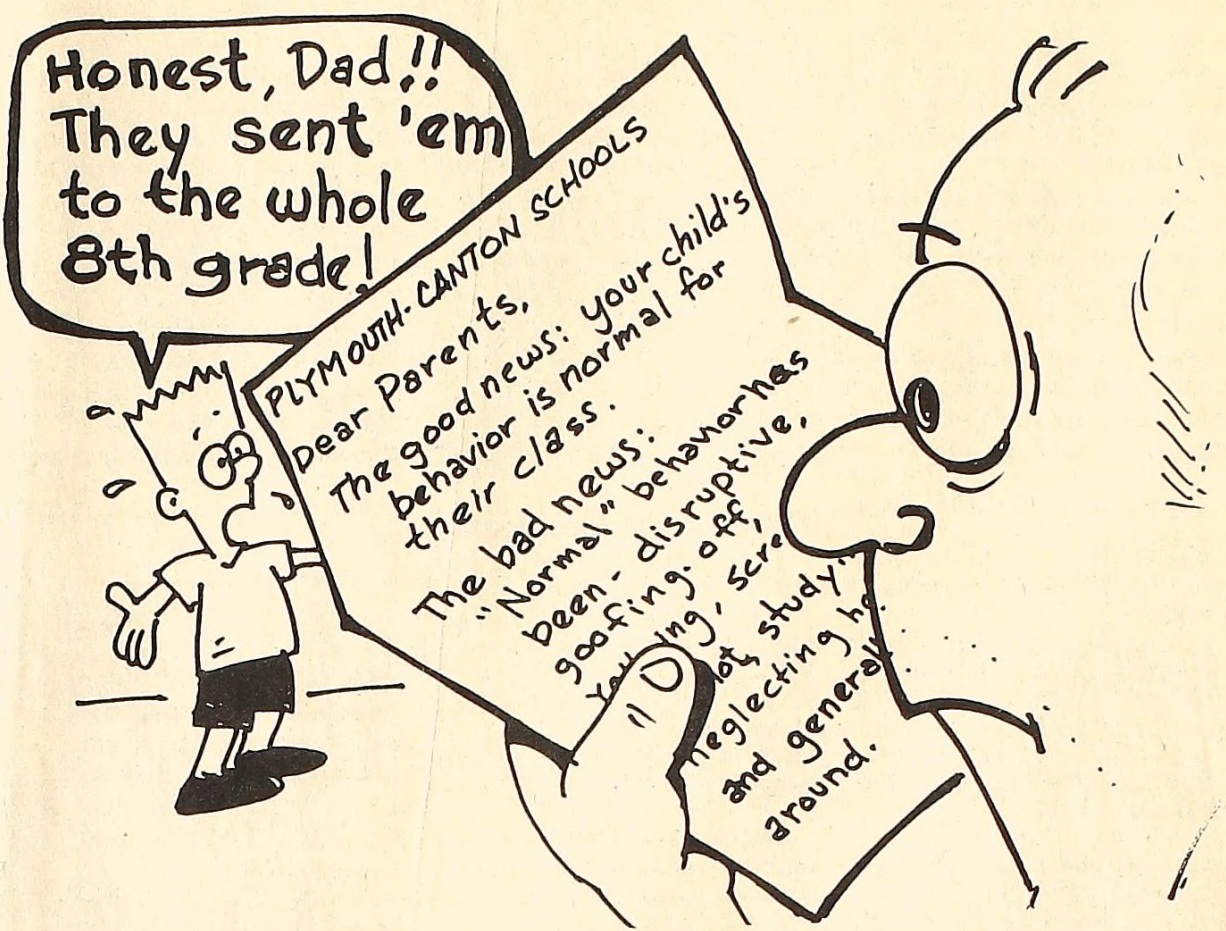


Mike's musings
Mike Wilcox

Now a personal gripe. John Rogin Buick and Isuzu in Wayne moved out of its prime location a few days ago. Word is now that Rite Aid plans to build a pharmacy there, on the corner of Michigan Ave. and Wayne Road.

Only a mile east on Michigan, Walgreens is building a brand new pharmacy. Another Walgreens is scheduled up Wayne Road a mile or so. How many pharmacy's do these giant chains expect area residents to support? It appears more than I can imagine as these guys continue to buy up every prime corner and build their nondescript buildings.

The days of the independent drugstore appear to be long gone. That is sad. I hope Cobb's Pharmacy, only a half mile from the Rogin site, continues to receive the support of the local citizenry. Being local, and providing friendly service can effectively counterattack the stark bigness of the Rite Aid's. At least I hope that is the case.



Take charge board president restores Wayne-Westland schools

Talk is usually cheap. Politicians' promises are usually utterly worthless.

That's why it's startling to meet an honest politician who delivers on promises like Wayne-Westland Board of Education President David Cox.

Cox, who was elected Board President in July, has startled me by proposing and swiftly implementing a series of necessary changes.

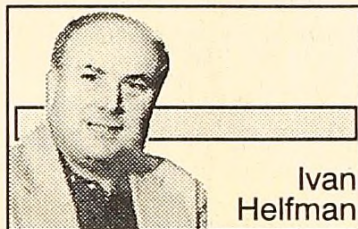
In his first meeting as president, he opened up board meetings to the public by moving citizen comments to the beginning of the meeting.

Previously, citizens could only address issues after the board had voted on them. This cut out citizen input from board decisions. Without a voice, citizens might as well have been Iraqis under Saddam Hussein. The board dictated policy and the citizens had no choice but to obey.

By opening up discussions to the public, Cox restored democracy.

Next, Cox and the board restored middle school sports.

This reversed the board's longstanding policy of taking away necessary things from students. The district's students have been deprived of sports, band, art, books, and bus rides to school, unlike the district's administrators,



Ivan Helfman

who have lived high off the fat of the land.

One meeting after restoring middle school sports, Cox appointed committees to consider restoring art and music, and to develop nature programs at Sasfras Trails.

Cox's proposals were startling for several reasons: One, because they were intended to benefit students instead of administrators. Two, he seems to have developed them by using common sense. Three, they were take charge decisions, not responses to administrators' wishes. Cox's actions make it clear that the school board will no longer passively roll over for the superintendent.

Contrast this with the current Plymouth-Canton school board.

At the behest of their superintendent, the Plymouth-Canton board is refusing to settle a lawsuit that has delayed the construction of a new high school for about 1.5 years. It has allowed the superintendent to dilute high school math classes by slowing the pace of work.

Though crying poverty, it has

agreed to consider getting rid of elegant old buildings, such as the beloved Central Middle School, and build nondescript modern schools.

This thought of razing Central Middle School, with all its memories and traditions, seems incredible in light of the quaint old neighborhoods and shops nearby.

Instead of telling Superintendent Chuck Little that it would be easier to replace administrators than cherished old buildings, Plymouth-Canton Board President Mike Maloney said: "These are pretty old buildings, and from a central maintenance standpoint they're really not in the center of the district. The buildings are old and probably not optimum, and I think that the district is going to either need to strategically decide to spend a lot of money face-lifting the buildings or replacing them," Maloney said.

By caving in to the superintendent's new building fetish and using weasel words like "not optimum" and "strategically decide" to cover up his sellout to the bureaucracy's empire building tendencies, Maloney is giving apathetic citizens more reason to avoid politicians.

Better to drop the weasel words and talk about what can be done for the students, like Cox is doing in Wayne-Westland.



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The Wayward Direction of the Modern Family

Dear Mr. Ross: I have a 42, soon to be 43 year old sister who just had a baby. I give her a lot of credit disrupting her life beyond compare. By the way, she is divorced from her first husband and is raising this new delight all on her own. She will not get any child support either for this child, because the man who fathered it didn't want it. Not only that, he signed away all parental rights. Thank goodness her ex-husband has taken full custodial responsibility of their 12 and 15 year olds during this time, at least until her maternity leave is over and she is back to work.

My sister would be mortified if she knew I was writing, but your help would be so beneficial if you could send her three car payments totaling \$675. There were some expenses not budgeted for and I know this is on her mind. She wants to make it on her own, but sometimes you have to let principles go by the wayside. Ms. C. H. ... *Daily News*, McKeesport, PA

Dear Ms. H.: If the modern family keeps progressing in the same direction it is headed, eventually we'll have children without any parents. I don't mean to sound judgmental about your sister's situation—she is probably a decent person who loves her baby. I'm even going to help her with \$675 for her car payments. I just wonder, however, where it is all going to end?

Dear Mr. Ross: I'm 19 years old. When I was 13, I joined a gang. Well, I've gotten away from them and have dramatically changed my life. The only reminders left are the 6 gang related tattoos on my hand, chest, arms and leg. One thing I've learned in life is that people judge. I fear that for the rest of my life I'm going to be labeled as a gang member, so I've got to get these removed. The treatments cost \$80 and it takes about 5 sessions. Your help would go a long way in improving my self-esteem. Miss M. C. ... *Thrifty Nickel*, Birmingham, AL

Dear Miss C.: I feel so strongly about what you've just written that I'm going to make an example out of you. You found the financial wherewithal to have the tattoos applied—you can now find the same to have them removed. And you're fortunate in that it will only cost \$80 a session while you're working toward your goal. I'm not punishing you—I just want you to realize that youth is no excuse for not paying consequences.

Hello, Mr. Ross! I need some help with money for a legal document, so that I can protect my disabled daughter after my death. Shortly after birth, she was diagnosed with a rare syndrome and the prognosis is life long. My daughter completely depends on me for everything. That is why for the past six months I've been trying to save up the \$350 for the attorney's fee. I have \$150 of it so far. I'm a single parent and we live on a fixed income. I heard you on the radio and thought I would recheck all my options, and then if I couldn't come up with the money, I would write. My daughter is only 7 years old, but if I can protect her after I leave this world, I must make every attempt possible. Ms. R. K. ... *Radio WRGS*, Rogersville, TN

Dear Ms. K.: I'm not quite clear what a legal document will achieve for your daughter, but I assume you've done your homework. If \$200 is all that is needed to ensure perpetual care, then you shall have it—my check is on the way. I guess it is one thing to leave this world knowing your children can do for themselves. It must be another when they are totally dependent on others. Best wishes to you both.

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Smoking related deaths can be avoided

To the Editor: Smoking-related deaths reached 419,000 in 1997 in the United States alone. This incredible statistic exceeds the number of deaths caused by AIDS, alcohol, car accidents, fire, drugs, murders and suicides COMBINED! Smoking-related deaths can be prevented. Everyone of those 419,000 lives of people we live with, work with and love could have and should have been saved. The tobacco industry is working harder than ever to coerce people into smoking, and they are especially focusing on teenagers.

Almost 6,000 American teenagers try a cigarette everyday and half become daily smokers. The rate of teenage smoking is increasing, and with that, about \$962 million each year is spent on cigarettes. Why? The tobacco industry (Philip Morris, Inc., RJ Reynolds Nabisco Inc., American Bransk, Inc., Loews Corp., Liggett Group, Inc., BATUS, U.S. Tobacco Co., Imasco Ltd., and Culbro

Corp.) is targeting teens because they are younger and less educated.

Adults have become more health conscious and have made great efforts to stop smoking. Of these adult smokers, 82 percent began smoking before they turned 18. Teenagers are still susceptible

to the pressures to look cool, to fit in, and to be the most popular. The tobacco industry knows this: they prey on this.

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who preferred Camels rose from one percent to 30 percent of the market. Ads are geared towards teenagers, showing them smoking is cool, adventurous and sexy. One-third of all high school students are current smokers. This trend can be stopped, despite the extraordinary efforts made by the tobacco industry.

Teenagers must be educated. They must be shown the harms of smoking and all other tobacco products. Teenagers need to

know that smoking will kill them; it will take years off their lives. They need to understand that smoking is not cool, adventurous or sexy. It is disgusting, deadening and unattractive.

Teach teenagers the truth about tobacco and they will be better prepared to stand strong against the powerful advertising the tobacco industry uses to lure teens into smoking and then addiction. Keeping teens away from experimenting with tobacco before they reach 18 will decrease the number of addicted adults, thus saving not only \$100 billion in health care costs, but lives-saving lives.

Many people are already attempting to overpower the tobacco industry by educating teenagers. The American Cancer Society has several anti-tobacco programs geared toward teen and youth education. Coming up on Thursday, students all over Metropolitan Detroit are going to "scream out" against tobacco products as part of the Great American Smokeout/Smoke-scream. These students go through a series of lessons where they learn about the dangers of tobacco products. Thursday, they will be using their strong and healthy lungs to tell the community they are smoke-free. It is pro-

grams like these that will reach the youth of today. Support the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout/Smoke-scream and help our youth tobacco-free.

Cathy Ann Schmitt 810-247-8939 or 248-483-4307

Take time to honor a military veteran

To the editor:

Americans, no matter what you're doing, or where you're going, call, write, either take a moment to be silent, or say a prayer during the second Wednesday in November, to honor a special citizen - The Military Veteran.

Veteran's Day, originally called Armistice Day, began on the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month, 1918, ending what the world thought, "the War to End All Wars".

Little did anyone know, within the next eighty years, more lives were to be lost, and more blood to be shed.

Americans had to face the Axis Powers, anywhere from the African deserts to the Pacific Islands, and from fathoms under the sea to thousands of feet in the air. Another generation was called to the frozen ground of Korea, giving all they had at the Yalu River and the Thirty-Eight Parallel. While nearly all remember Woodstock, Kent State, and the March from Selma to Montgomery, most forgot or never knew of Quang Tri, Da Nang, Cu Chi, and the Mekong Delta.

Those who ran from America when she needed you most are finally forgiven.

Let's not forget the fallen comrades who died enroute to rescue countrymen who were hostages in Iran. That "little plan" was suppose to be a secret, but their sudden deaths told a big tale. Americans were then summoned to Beirut, where an unforgettable explosion took two hundred forty-

one Marines from us. Another call resulted in wading to the shores of Grenada, liberating countrymen on that island nation.

Many Americans still, by then, were very uncaring to the Military Veteran. Luke and Laura on "General Hospital", Music Television, the Olympics, and the big deal between the Cowboys and Redskins of the Eighties, all took priority over honoring that special citizen.

During the countdown to a new decade, the American soldiers, sailors, and airmen were put to the test in Panama and the Persian Gulf.

Unfortunately, Donald and Ivana Trump's divorce took front page news.

The though role of humanitarianism had to be played in Haiti, Somalia, Bosnia, and now back Middle East for another bout.

If you know someone who may have risked life, limb, and blood, or if you know someone who gave the ultimate sacrifice, say "thank you".

To the military veterans, God bless you and carry on.

Xavier Allen
1986-1990 U.S. Army
1997-present - Army of Canada

State lottery gives hopes to sinners and Satan

To the Editor:

I would like to say two things to religious people that support the lottery by purchasing tickets.

First of all, the lottery gives hope to sinners who had no hope except to repent of their sinful ways and turn to God. Sinners are putting off the decision to turn to God hoping they will hit the big one on Wednesday or Saturday. I call the Lottery Satan's hope because it has opposed evangelism, social change, character development, and virtue.

Secondly, playing the lottery is poor stewardship and those guilty of poor stewardship need not expect the financial blessings of God. Either your faith is in God's Blessings or it is in a chance to be struck by lightning.

C. Gregory Dukes Pres.
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Westland city park has gone sign crazy

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to the letter from "can't walk in the park resident" printed in the November 5, 1998 edition of your paper:

"Can't walk in the park resident".

I too enjoy Westland's City Park! I walk in the park often and sometimes take children there to play. I have been disturbed on occasion to find broken glass in the play houses, cigarette butts in the sand around the play structure, and used condoms in the parking lots. I am happy to see that the city is doing a better job lately of keeping the park clean.

I do not, however, find "goose grease" to be a problem. Nor do I have a problem with those who feed the geese, including the elderly lady I saw just the other day open the trunk of her car and scoop out arm loads of food. Whether the geese feed from

the offerings of people or from nature, they are sure to create "goose grease".

As to the lady you slander in your letter, I have known her for 25 years. She is a kind, caring, talented (yes, she can paint, no "maybe" about it) individual; and I quite assure you she can read!

There are many signs in the park that read "NO" this or "NO" that. Some have ordinance numbers or fine amounts on them. The sign that refers to feeding the wildlife simply says "Please Do Not" (since you "can't walk in the park", here is a photo I took for you of the sign). This is a request. How can anyone be in direct violation of a request?

Perhaps you could look at it like this: "A walk in the park is like our journey through life. We are in awe of and reveal in its beauty, however we will encounter and would do best to accept the 'little bits of unpleasantness' along the path." In other words, "learn to take the bitter with the sweet".

Cathy

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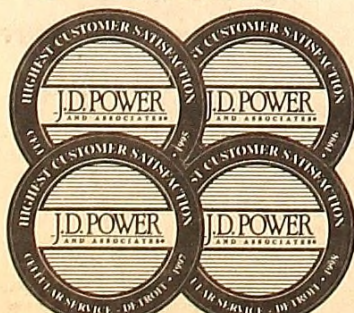
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Veterans Day

A special Veterans' Day program was held at Cory Elementary School in Romulus last week. Key participants were Phyllis Kreft, (left) a daughter and widow of military veterans, Ed "Doc" Jessick, commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Westland Chapter 41 and school Parental Coordinator Rev. Rita Talley, right. The program ranged from the World War II citizen recycling and rationing programs to the problems Viet soldiers faced coming back to face hostile anti-war protestors.

MCN Special Photo

Six Plymouth-Canton students become scholars

Six Plymouth-Canton students became SeniffnAsU in the IM National Merit Scholarship Program.

Six seniors from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools have been named as Semifinalists in the 1999 National Merit Scholarship program.

Named as Semifinalists were Adil Azce, Even Leung and Brian Ott from Salem High School and Molly Hyland, Annie Radcliffe and Valerie Taylor from Canton High School.

All Semifinalists entered the 1999 Merit Program by taking the 1997 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). The test served as an initial screen of more than 1.1 million Merit Program en-

trants, all juniors, who were enrolled in some 20,000 high schools nationwide. The highest scorers in each state were designated Semifinalists, in numbers representing less than one percent of the state's high school graduating class.

A Semifinalist must fulfill a number of additional requirements to become a Finalist and be considered in the extremely rigorous competition for Merit Scholarship awards. The requirements for Finalist standing include meeting very high academic standards in college preparatory course work, submitting SAT 1: Reasoning Test scores that confirm the PSAT/NMSQT performance, and being fully endorsed and recommended by

the high school principal. Also, the Semifinalist and an official of the school must complete a detailed scholarship application to provide important information about the student's personal interests and activities, academic and other achievement, volunteer and paid work, educational plans and goals, and contributions to the school and community.

About 14,000 Semifinalists are expected to advance to the Finalist standing and compete for Merit Scholarship Awards in the 1998 Competition.

Jan Dersey, counselor at Plymouth Salem stated, "We are very proud of these students and feel confident that they will be successful in college."

Van Buren seeks distinguished grads

Van Buren Public Schools Superintendent James Richendollar announced the second annual call for nominations for the Belleville High School Distinguished Graduate Awards.

In response to community interest, and a desire on the part of the current administration to recognize the honorable and worth graduates of Belleville High School who have brought distinction to the community, the program was inaugurated last year by the VBPS Board of Education.

Distinguished Graduate Award recipients will be honored at the BHS National Honor Society Induction in May to provide a connection between the community, the students who

presently attend Belleville High School, and BHS alumni.

Nominees must have graduated from BHS before 1988 and must have distinguished themselves in their professions or volunteerism. The same crite-

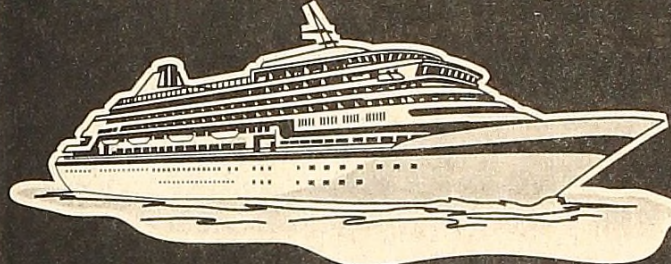
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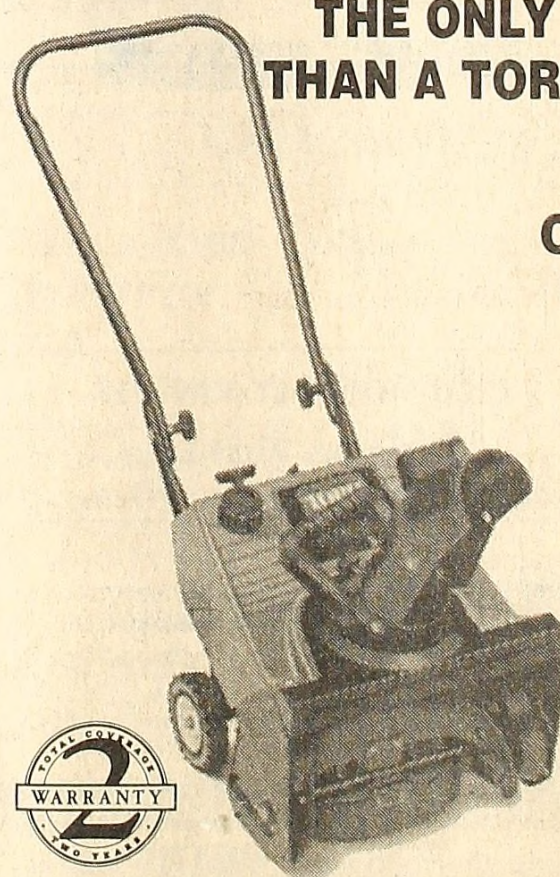
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Salvation Army hurricane relief effort continuing

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Efforts to repair the damage in Honduras and other Central American countries -- including rebuilding much of the area's infrastructure -- could take three decades the Salvation Army has been told.

Thus the SA is preparing to send in its second emergency relief team to work in partnership with other agencies for long term aid to the million homeless and other stricken survivors of Hurricane Mitch. "The immediate needs of the people are for food, clean water, shelter and medicines, but that is just the tip of the iceberg," Major Roland Sewell, the SA's international coordinator of emergency services, revealed last week.

Other Central American efforts extended by the Salvation Army include:

- In El Salvador, where 50,000 persons have been displaced, the SA has been assigned by the government to provide food, clean water, water purification tablets and hygiene items for babies.

- In Nicaragua, the SA has deployed an assessment team of relief workers and medical personnel...as well as an additional team of 20 medics who will join the emergency effort once an operational base is set up.

That base will be in Sonsonarte in northern Nicaragua, where the greatest loss of life has been found.

Meanwhile the SA's emergency radio network SATERN continues to send information to families seeking to learn about the condition of their relatives in the hurricane stricken areas.

Monetary donations are still critical in this massive human crisis and should be marked "Disaster Relief" and sent to local Salvation Army Corps offices in Westland, Dearborn Heights, Plymouth, etc.

Credit card donations also can be sent to the SA by calling 1-800-SAL-ARMY.

A "Back to Bethlehem" musical will be offered by the youth (Kindergarten thru 12th grades) at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve at the **First United Methodist Church of Belleville**. All church youth are invited to participate.

A Christmas Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale sponsored by the **Good Shepherd Reformed Church** will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 21. Admission is free. Church is located at 6500 N. Wayne road at Hunter in Westland. For more information call Ray or Jackie Gagnon at 734-722-7225.

The Chapels Gospel Group of Plymouth will be performing at 6 p.m. Dec. 6th at the **Good Shepherd Reformed Church**, 6500 N. Wayne road in Westland. There will be free admission, but a good will offering will be taken. For more information call Anna at 734-729-8842

Lutheran Adoption Service is providing ongoing drop-in therapeutic support groups for adult adoptees and birthparents, who may need assistance in dealing with the life-long issues associated with adoption, such as loss, identity, grief, intimacy and control. Meetings are held at the Oakland YWCA, 839 S. Crooks road in Clawson on Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information call 248-423-2770.

Ten top Catholic Church leaders, including Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz of Lincoln, Neb., will explain and defend the teachings of the church during the third annual Call to Holiness meeting Nov. 20-22 at the Best Western/Sterling Inn, just north of Detroit.

Bruskewitz will give the keynote address on Saturday morning. He earned international notice in 1995, when he excommunicated members of several dissident and anti-Catholic groups in his diocese.

His diocese also is well known for its high number of men seeking the priesthood.

The other speakers include: Deal Hudson, editor and publisher of *Crisis*, Jeff Cavins, producer and host of *Life on the Rock*, Father Benedict Groeschel, best known for his

TV shows on Mother Angelica and six other authors and theologians.

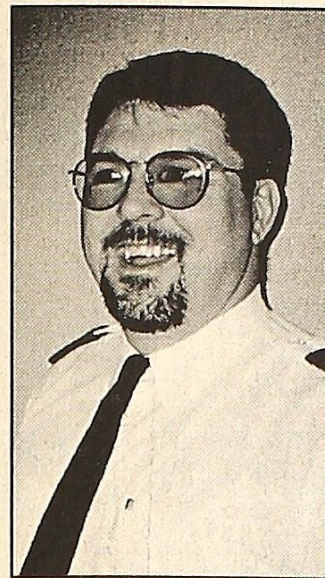
The conference will begin at 7 p.m. Nov. 20 and end at 1 p.m. Nov. 22. The cost is \$65 and includes continental breakfasts, a Saturday box lunch and refreshments throughout the days.

To register call 1-313-372-0762.

"Let Jesus Make Your Heart Thankful" -- will be offered on the "Lutheran Hour" radio ministry on Nov. 22. The speaker will be Dr. Wallace Schultz.

An evening in praise with the Sanctuary Choir of the **Peoples Community Missionary Baptist Church** of Westland will be held at 5 p.m. Nov. 22.

There will be free admission. For more information call 734-722-2567.



It's the Christmas season be-llringing time again, Salvation Army Lt. Chuck Yockey, commander of the Wayne-Westland Corps offices, said this week. SA be-lringing volunteers will be out manning the kettles beginning Nov. 27 and will continue through Christmas Eve.

Colson training churches to aid prison fellowship

Charles Colson, creator of the Prison Fellowship Ministries, stresses that church members today can greatly aid the in-prison problems of recidivism today.

He explains that 50,000 Prison Fellowship volunteers as well as 400 staff members in all 50 states, are demonstrating God's love to prisoners and ex-prisoners, enabling them to reject crime as a lifestyle.

Pastor Jimmy Lawson of the **Community Free Will Baptist Church** of Westland reports the recent youth rally conducted by the church was attended by 85 persons.

Following the rally, refreshments were served in the church gymnasium, where games of basketball and volleyball also took place.

Lawson is a recent graduate of Southeast Free Will Baptist College in North Carolina.

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EPA schedules public hearings on toxic clean up

Taking cues from local citizens, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has revised a soil contamination clean up plan for the Textile Road Superfund site, Ypsilanti, Mich., and citizens are once again invited to comment on the proposal.

The site is located at Textile Rd. and Burton Rd. in Ypsilanti Twp., near the Rawsonville Rd. exit off I-94.

According to Denise Gawlinski at the U.S. EPA office in Chicago, the new plan will leave the majority of the site available to development. "It cleans the site up to a higher

standard," she said.

The comment period runs from Nov. 14 through Dec. 14, 1998. A meeting to explain the plan will be Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. at the Ypsilanti Civic Center, 7200 S. Huron Dr.

EPA has changed its recommended cleanup plan so that soils containing PCB concentrations equal to or greater than 50 parts per million will be disposed of in a PCB landfill. Soils containing PCB's greater than or equal to 26 ppm, but less than 50 ppm, will be disposed of in a state-approved hazardous waste landfill. While Gawlinski said

According to the EPA, the changed plan remains protective of human health and the environment and will allow most of the property to be used for residential development.

there are no concrete plans to take the soil to Wayne Disposal, a state-approved landfill, she did state, "There just happens to be [an approved landfill] right across the interstate, in Belleville."

Soils containing PCB's

equal to no greater than 1.2 ppm, but less than 26 ppm, will be consolidated in the northeastern portion of the site. This area will be covered with clean soil and vegetation or other approved soil cover.

PCB's are a group of chemi-

cals once widely used in industry as coolants and lubricants. EPA banned the manufacture of PCB's in 1979 because of evidence that they accumulate in the environment, including in fresh-water fish and aquatic birds, and present human health hazards.

According to the EPA, the changed plan remains protective of human health and the environment and will allow most of the property to be used for residential development.

The estimated cost of the cleanup will be \$1.95 million and is expected to be completed in four to six months.

Oral and written comments on the plan will be accepted at the Nov. 23 meeting. Written comments must be postmarked by Dec. 14 and sent to: Denise Gawlinski, Community Involvement Coordinator, U.S. EPA Region 5, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604. EPA will respond to all comments received before making a final decision.

Copies of the study, responsiveness summary and related documents are available for review at Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan, and at the Ypsilanti Civic Center, 7200 S. Huron Dr.

Junior Miss contest rolls around

Beginning at 6:30 p.m. on November 21, the area's most outstanding high school senior girls will compete at the Norman Stockmeyer Auditorium I, next to Wayne Memorial High School in Wayne, for the prestigious title of Wayne-Westland Junior Miss 1999.

In addition to the title and chance to compete in the Michigan Junior Miss finals, they will be vying for Wayne-Westland Junior Miss scholarships and awards totaling over \$10,000.

"These young women have been working very hard with interviews, rehearsals, and preparations," said Mrs. Pat Hermatz, Junior Miss co-chair. "They are all intelligent and talented girls; no matter who is selected, they are all winners."

Former Wayne-Westland Junior Miss 1969, Jennifer Lozano, will be the Master of Ceremonies for the program. She is currently Chapter Administrator for M.A.D.D.



Junior Miss 1999 Competitors

In March 1999 the new Wayne-Westland Junior Miss will participate in the Michigan Junior Miss Program in Alpena, Michigan. If named Michigan's Junior Miss, as

Wayne-Westland Junior Miss 1998 Stephanie Mead was this year, she will travel to Mobile, Alabama to compete in America's Junior Miss National Finals.

Ticket donations for the program are \$7 and can be purchased now at Wayne Lawn and Garden Center at 2103 S. Wayne Road, or at the door on the night of the program.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the following:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE 6-2-92 AS AMENDED OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN TO REVISE REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF A PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (PRD).

Copies of the proposed amendment are available in the Department of Development. The public hearing will be held in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Belleville, MI 48111 on Wednesday the 9th of December at 7:30 p.m. (Or as scheduled on the agenda). Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the Hearing date.

Cindy C. King, CMC, Clerk
Charter Township of Van Buren

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In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, accommodations can be available with advance notice.

A. CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 98-55 NIGHT VISION SYSTEM

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item.

- (1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Kristian Moe, Purchasing/Computer Services Director, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI or by calling (734) 942-7564.
- (2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00 p.m., December 1, 1998. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

BID ENVELOPES SHOULD BE MARKED:
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- (3) The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities. A bid guarantee in the amount of 5% of the bid price will be required.

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A. CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 98-56 RADIO AND ANTENNA HARDWARE ENHANCEMENTS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT DISPATCH CENTER

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Sound Off

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New business organization provides alternative to chamber

Small business owners seeking an organization to voice their concerns ought to check out the Westland Business Owners Association.

Unlike the Westland Chamber of Commerce, the Association will consist only of small business owners. It will speak for small business, not for corporations or local political machines.

Recreation center should not compete with private businesses

I work for [name of business, a banquet hall, deleted - we don't know who are callers are - Ed.] If Westland creates a banquet hall rental business in its new recreation center, it will probably take away my livelihood. It's wrong for city officials to use public funds to compete with businesses who have been doing business for a long time in the city.

It's wrong for the city to compete with private health clubs and exercise gyms.

CITY OF ROMULUS MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD NOVEMBER 2, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Randolph Gear, Mayor Pro Tem

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Donald R. Morris, Michael A. Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William J. Wadsworth.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

William Oakley, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Kersey, Treasurer

Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 98-414

2A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Prybyla to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Romulus City Council held October 26, 1998.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 98-415

4A. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Olive White.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 98-416

4B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adopt a resolution acknowledging the retirement of 34th. District Court Judge Henry Zaborowski.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 98-417

4. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 98-418

5A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to adopt a resolution authorizing the County of Wayne to continue the maintenance work on the North Branch of the Ecorse Creek Drain, not to exceed \$125,000.00 for the fiscal year 1998/1999.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 98-418

5B. Motion by Crova, supported by Romak to award Bid 98-45 to Michigan Glass for the wind and entrance replacement at the Police Department for the total amount of \$156,000.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak. Nays - Wadsworth. Motion Carried. 98-419

5C. Motion by Romak, supported by Prybyla to adopt a resolution supporting the application of a General Storm Water Permit for the Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project from the State of Michigan Department of Environment Quality. A copy in its entirety is on file in the City Clerk's office.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 98-420

6A1. Motion by Romak, supported by Prybyla to approve the second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 98/99-16 introduced at the meeting of October 26, 1998.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 98-421

9. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to schedule a Study Session to discuss the drug forfeiture laws. Date and time to be determined by Police Chief Kirby.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 98-422

11. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 98-423

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held November 2, 1998.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

City of Romulus, Michigan

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Christmas Gift Ideas

Nov. 19, 1998

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What's hot for Christmas? Number 1 item so hot you can't touch!

By RITA BEDELL
MCN Special Writer

The number one Christmas item this year is SO HOT that you can not even find one in the stores! That would be the famous Ferbies. A fuzzy little ball with an animal face that makes noises.

This item is so hot, that Fox 2 News was offering them on the News tonight. Sorry mom, scratch that one off your list. I called umteen stores tonight for you and came up empty handed. All the stores I spoke with basically said the same thing, GIVE IT UP!

Yo Yo's make a comeback!

Word on the street has it that Yo Yo's are making a big comeback in 1998. Kids of all ages are asking for one this year.

But, moms and dads, they aren't the way they used to be. Remember way back when, Yo Yo's were either wooden or plastic and you threw them towards the ground or in the air and back to your hand they came. Well, they still do pretty much the same thing, but not you can get them battery operated to light up, make sounds and glow in the dark.

Another hot item seems to be clothes. No, not just ordinary every day run of the mill clothes, but BAGGIES! I talked with several pre-teens and each one said this is a hot ticket on their list this year. Not only Baggies, but Bell Bottoms also. As for shoes, yeah, the big name tennies are still in, but for the girls it is platforms. Did the 70's make a comeback and us older folks were not told?

For the younger ones, Blue Clues (games and dolls who talk back to you) are pretty hot this year, as well as Beanie Babies (wanted by all age groups), and Disney items. The biggest Disney items I have heard so far is Pooh Bear. One young girl wants an animated Pooh Bear, clothing, jewelry, etc.

A couple more for the youngsters is Teletubbies and Rugrats (the adorable little TV brats kids of all ages enjoy). The Rugrats even have accessories such as beds, high chairs, dressers and cars.

Barbie still seems to be close to the top of all lists, as usual. Toys 'R' Us carries an "Exclusive" Barbie Radio-Control Sport Cruiser with working headlights, and a cell phone style remote control. Barbie now has a house with a pony stable. There must be hundreds of different Barbie Dolls alone, not to mention all the accessories she not comes with. Just to name a few, Mattel now has the Barbie and Kelly Recital (a ballerina and baby Barbie), Horse Riding Barbie, Beyond Pink Barbie (Rock and Roll singer with guitars), as well as the traditional dolls we all liked so well.



Giggling and Sunshine babies are pretty popular, but not at the top of anyone's list. And we certainly can not forget the Easy Bake Oven.

Do you have a little girl who just loves to play the mom roll, but no one to dish it out to? Well, there are tons of strollers, cribs, mealtime dolls, dolls that roll, dolls that talk, dolls that spit up, dolls that cry, dolls that walk, and dolls that even mess their diapers.

And, if she really wants to play the mom roll, the new 'Family Kitchen' and 'Shop and Cook Kitchen' are just what Santa ordered.

Compact Discs and CD Players are on all lists again this year. The hottest CD's right now are Hanson and Spice Girls.

Speaking of Spice Girls, I have heard a ton of girls asking for Spice Girls 'Stuff'...clothing, CD's, jewelry, magazines, posters, etc. And

not only Spice Girls, but t-shirts of any HOT vocal group out there today.

For the boys, what else but the wonderful world of video games. Playstation seems to be the number one video game again. Next to it is the Nintendo 64. Also, remote control cars are big on the list. With all the new fangled cars, trucks out there, what kid wouldn't want one.

For the parents who are into the learning toys, there are so many new items out there, no kid would ever be bored! One item out there, the VTech Little Smart Alphabet Desk, talks, teaches shapes, phonics, alphabet, numbers and even more! The Read and Write Desk does exactly what the name says. With all the new computerized toys they make now, most kids will learn more before kindergarten than we used to learn in first grade.

For the quiet, stay at home

kids, hand held games are the perfect answer. Go Bass Fishing by holding a game in the palm of your hand. Hit a home run with the push of a button. Go drag racing just holding what looks like a steering wheel, or swing a hole-in-one with the Sports Feel Golf which is shaped like a golf club, yet is still a hand held game.

Try some family fun games this year. The hottest seem to be BamBoozle, Trivial Pursuit, Trivial Pursuit Star Wars, Planet Hollywood and Pictionary. A new game of Go-Fish for the pre-school ages as well as Barnyard Bingo and I'm a Little Teapot game.

And what household would not be complete without having at least one child ask for a bicycle? Bikes are quite pricey now-a-days, but with careful shopping, you can find a 12 speed mountain bike for under \$50.

For the Adults on your list...

By RITA BEDELL
MCN Special Writer

What do most adults want this year? Computers! Computers! And more Computers! Complete with Windows98.

The new Pentium II 450MHz with a 17" color monitor would be nice. Just don't choke when you see the price. Sure, this computer may be faster than one you have seen, but who actually needs that much speed in a home computer? Sticking with the 233MHz or 266 MHz is standard in the home today.

Although, if you want a little more speed, and you shop right, you can find a 350MHz for just about the same price as the 2 above.

Now is definitely the time to buy a computer. I had heard that computer prices were going way up right now. But, if you look at the right stores, you can find a complete home computer set including the monitor, printer and in some places, the scanner also for under \$999.

If you are just in the market for the accessories to go with your computer, you can find a scanner for as low as \$39. Printers as low as \$89.

Looking for computer software? Check the larger stores. They have such a high volume that their prices are much lower than the independents. Although, with an independent dealer, you are much

more apt to find personal service and all the help you need, which are well worth the higher price.

Even the kids like the computers. After all, computers are what they learn on now in school. For the youngsters, there are educational games for Kindergarten, 1st Grade and 2nd Grade.

Plenty of arcade games for the pre-teens. Hey dads, there are some things you would enjoy too! Are you into Nascar Racing, then put your speed to the test on your computer screen! Like to gamble? Then buy a Casino game and put your money where your mouth is! There are also games for the whole family. Classic card games, board games and adult arcade games.

For you moms who like to be creative, a digital camera is definitely a great investment to go with your computer. Complete with the software, you can find a digital camera for as low as \$199. With this you can make personalized calendars, family trees with photos, keepsake photo albums, and much more. Everything from A-Z is done with your own two hands.

Another item I heard to be hot for adults and teens is an On-Line Subscription. Have a hard to buy for teen who likes to surf the net? Buy him or her their own subscription. If you check around, they can be found for as little as \$9.95 per month.



Buying for Mom and Dad

By RITA BEDELL
MCN Special Writer

Hey kids, do your parents look at your computer and just stare at it wondering what to do? Then why not buy them Windows for Dummies or Internet for Dummies.

Of course, before you do buy these items, maybe you should think twice. Do you really want mom and dad taking over your computer? Lets just make a rule, they can play, but it's yours when you get home from school!

For us older 'kids'...do your parents have a computer? Could they use the furniture to go with their set-up. You can find computer hutches for as little as \$99. Get real extravagant and then you're talking \$599 and up.

How about a high back swivel arm chair? Shop around, the prices are great!

Talking to a jeweler, I heard that gold is selling as hot as ever again this year. Rings, bracelets, necklaces. How about a Mother's Ring. I was shopping the other day and found a Mother's Ring with 4 stones and 4 names in 14K gold for only \$99.

Does dad like dart's? Try the electronic dart board. Again, if you shop around, you can find one as low as \$39.

How about for the parents who complain you call too much and they hate to get up and answer the phone? A cordless of course! They also can be found as low as \$39.

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1. Why do we hand mis-tletoe?
- a. The berries symbolize love and peace

b. St. Nicholas used to leave it on doors

c. It was once believed to have magical powers
2. Who is the poinsettia named after?
- a. Dr. Joel Poinsett, an American-born minister

b. Mary Powell, an English writer

c. Paul Setier, a French botanist
3. What country introduced decorative Christmas villages?
- a. Italy

b. United States

c. Germany
4. The tradition of stockings began with:
- a. Three sisters who left stockings to dry by the fire

b. A poor Swedish boy who left his shoes outside and found gold in them the next day

c. St. Nicholas told children to hand their stockings on the mantel so he could fill them with gifts.
5. Who is credited with bringing the first Christmas tree indoors?
- a. Charles Dickens, author of A Christmas Carol

b. St. Nicholas

c. Martin Luther, a 16th century Protestant reformer

See **ANSWERS**, at bottom



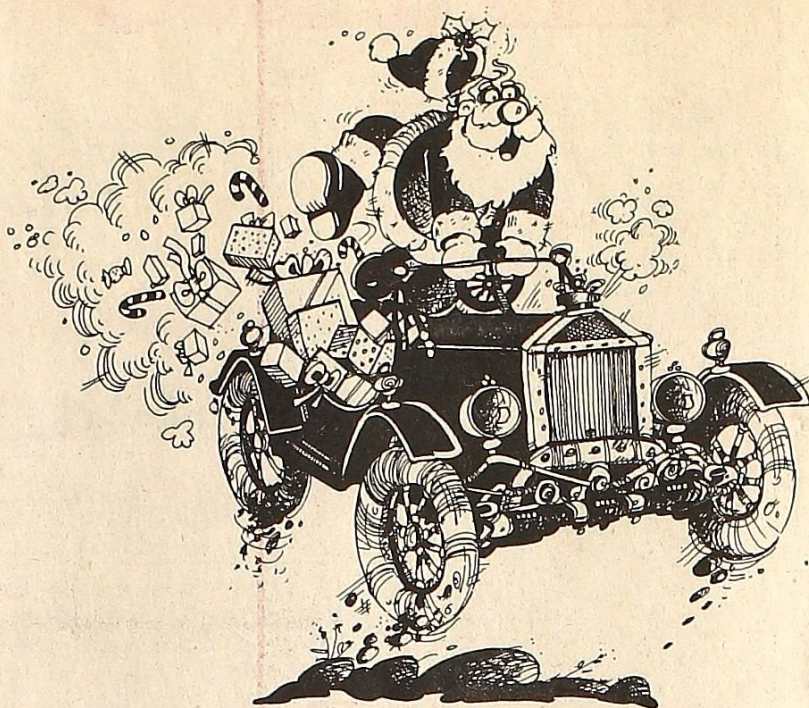
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- Dutch - Vroolijk Kerfeest
- Esperanto - Gajan Kristnaskon
- Estonian - Roomsaid Joulu
- Puhi
- Finnish - Iloista Joulua
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Read MCN's Gift Guide for more trivia next week!

Answers to Trivia



For the hard-to-buy-for...

By RITA BEDELL
Special Writer

Do you have someone out of state that you have to send a gift to and have no idea what they want or need?

FTD says flowers are the way to go. Send a fresh bouquet. Maybe a nice green plant that lasts forever (if the recipient has a green thumb). Maybe a centerpiece for their dinner table. Or how about sending a Christmas Wreath decorated for this special season.

What about those neighbors? You want to show your friendship, yet you can not afford to buy for everyone. Then try some baking for the holidays. Trust me, nothing goes farther than a tray of some great home baked goodies. Es-

pecially if you give them to someone who is not a baker.

What about some hand made items? If you knit, crochet, are handy with crafts, nothing touches the heart like something made with your own two hands.

Computer literate? Ask the neighbors kids to get you birth dates of siblings. Look for the photos you have of those families. Make a personalized calendar. Make them a scrap book. All these things are heart warming gifts that every one would appreciate.

Candy, cheese, sausage are great gift ideas also when you have no idea what to get someone. We all have those hard to buy for people on our list. But with a little creativity and imagination, no one is impossible!

Need a job

By RITA BEDELL
MCN Special Writer

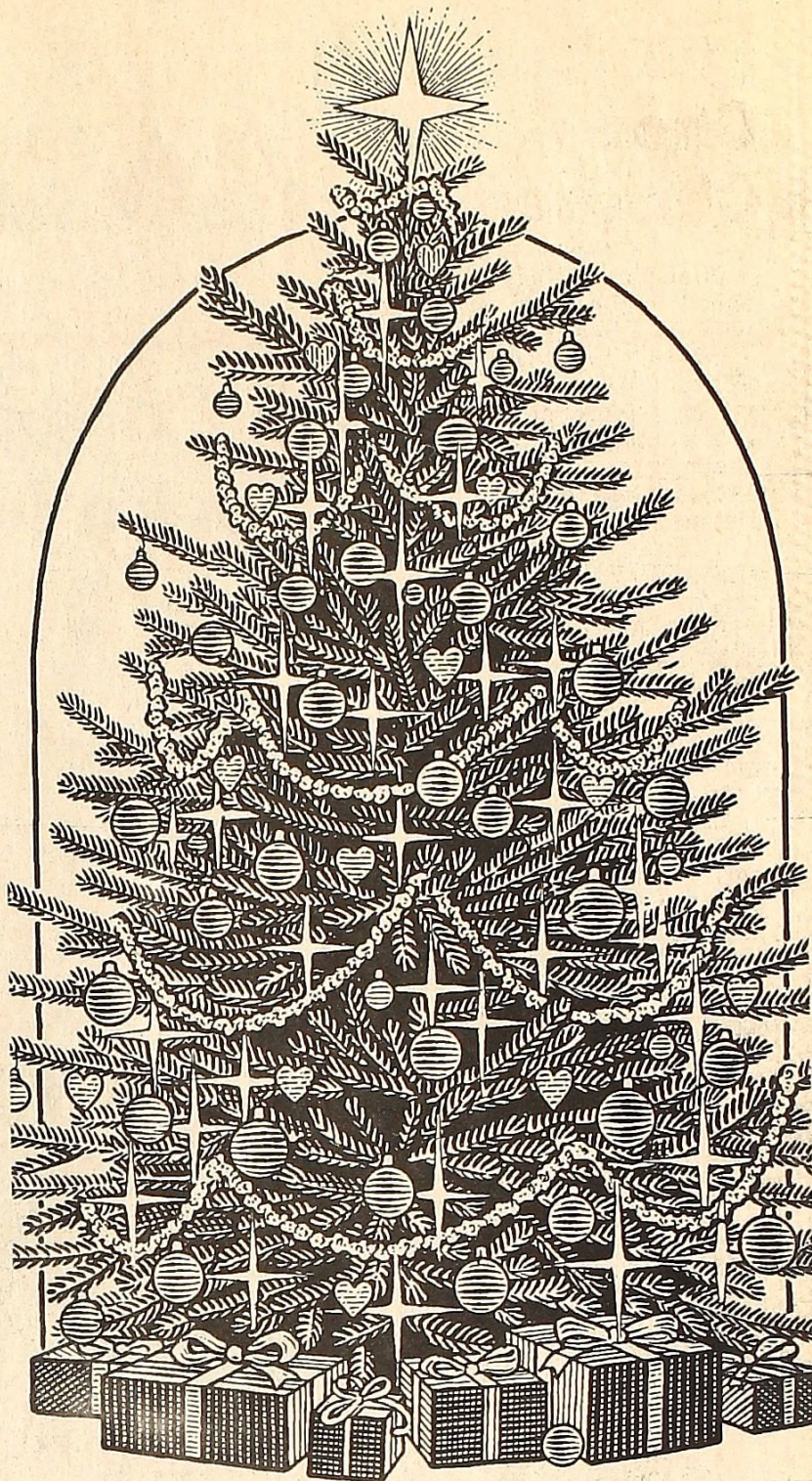
Speaking with Barbara at Express Personnel Services, I learned that when the Holiday Season arrives, so does a demand for temporary warehouse workers.

All the major stores are looking for warehouse employees, in bulk right now. These workers are needed to run merchandise from the main warehouses to the stores, as well as from the stores back warehouses to the shelves.

Retail persons are in high demand right now also. Although, most of the stores do their own hiring instead of going through temp services, they are on a hiring blitz! If you check around, I was informed that some of the stores are advertising that if you work for them through the Holidays, you will have a permanent job when the season ends.

Whether you are looking to pick up some extra cash for the Holidays or are in need of a full time permanent position, now is the time to apply.

Almost every retail store out there is looking for help right now. Don't delay, these positions will fill fast!



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Recipe of the Week

Chocolate, Almond and Raspberry Cheesecake Recipe for 6, 12 or 20.

Hint: Make chocolate leaves ahead for an impressive garnish.

- What you will need:**
- 1 teaspoon margarine
 - 1 cup ground almonds
 - 1 pound milk chocolate, chopped
 - 4-8oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
 - 4 eggs
 - Sifted unsweetened cocoa powers (optional)
 - Fresh Berries (optional)
 - Sifted powdered sugar (optional)
 - 1 egg yolk
 - 2 tablespoons raspberry liqueur, amaretto or milk
 - 1/3 cup milk
 - 1/2 cup margarine, softened
- Grease the bottom of a 9" spring form pan with the 1 teaspoon of margarine. Press ground almonds onto the bottom. Melt the 1 lb. chocolate in a heavy saucepan over very



low heat, stirring constantly; cool.

Beat melted chocolate, cream cheese, the 1/2 cup butter or margarine, 1/3 cup milk, and liqueur or milk in a large mixing bowl with an electric mixer on medium to high speed until combined. Add

whole eggs and egg yolk all at once. Beat on low speed just until combined.

Pour filling into the nut-lined springform pan. Place the pan in a shallow baking pan on the oven rack. Bake in a 350°F oven about 55 minutes or until 1 to 2 inches of outside edge appear set when shaken gently.

Remove springform pan from baking pan. Cool cheesecake in pan on a wire rack for 15 minutes. Use a small metal spatula to loosen cheesecake from sides of pan. Cool 30 minutes more. Remove sides of pan. Cool 1 hour; cover and chill at least 4 hours.

To serve, garnish with chocolate leaves, powdered sugar, cocoa powder and berries, if desired. Makes 12 to 16 servings.

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